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Article VIII **Disposal of Pet Waste**

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§ 123-41 Purpose.

This is an article to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Mansfield Township, Warren County, New Jersey, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 123-42 Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this article clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

IMMEDIATE

The pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER

Any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.

PERSON

Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PET

A domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.

PET SOLID WASTE

Waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

PROPER DISPOSAL

Placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

§ 123-43 Requirement for disposal.

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pets solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by them.

§ 123-44 Exemptions.

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this article while such animal is being used for that purpose.

§ 123-45 Enforcement.

Any resident of the Township of Mansfield may file a complaint for a violation of this article with the Clerk of the Mansfield Township Municipal Court.

§ 123-46 Violations and penalties.

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Violations of the provisions of this article shall be punishable as provided in § 1-17 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield.